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   Ed Gillott
   Greta Levis
   Leigh Ann Long
   George Smith
   Dorothy Yoerger
Ankeny, St. Anne’s by the Fields
   Barbara Waldron
Bettendorf, St. Peter’s Church
   Carolyn Krenos-Bodnar
   Maggie Tinsman
Boone, Grace Church
   Catherine Schroeder
Burlington, Christ Church
   Michelle Moore
Cedar Falls, St. Luke’s Church
   Jennifer Rasmussen
   Daryl Smith
   Betsy Zan
Cedar Rapids, Christ Church
   Doug Anderson
   Jerry Davenport
   Hope Meinecke
   Parker Meinecke
   Paula Sanchini
   Judy Welch
Cedar Rapids, Grace Church
   Bill Davis
   Kim McIrvin
Chariton, St. Andrew’s Church
   Sherry Steinbach
Clermont, Church of the Saviour
   Kevin Powell
Clinton, Christ Church
   Alescha Caldwell
   Nancy Nieland
Coralville, New Song Church
   Kirk Cory
   Linda Kroon
Council Bluffs, St. Paul’s Church
   Michael Moore
Davenport, St. Alban’s Church
   Sue McCoy
   Robin Sade
Davenport, Trinity Cathedral
   Karen Brooke
   Lynn Curtis
   Keith Hoffman
   Tim Long
   Andrew Petersen
   Catherine Petersen
   Randy Tapscott

Decorah, Grace Church
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Denison, Trinity Church
   Reg Elam
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   Diane Hayes
   Sue Kerss
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   Mark Rucker
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Des Moines, St. Mark’s Church
   Abraham Agu
Dubuque, St. John’s Church
   Susan Forshey
   David Vanderah
   Gayle Langbehn
Emmetsburg, Trinity Church
   David Nixon
Fort Dodge, St. Mark’s Church
   John Daniel
Glenwood, St. John’s Church
   Karen McCallan
Grinnell, St. Paul’s Church
   Pat Cushing
   Dan Kaiser
   Tammy McGavock
Harlan, St. Paul’s Church
   William “Bill” Early
Independence, St. James’ Church
   Marilyn Basquin
Indianola, All Saint’s Church
   Christine Enos
Iowa City, Trinity Church
   Debra Dorzweiler
   Chris Gibbons
   Andrew Jetton
   Betsy McElroy
   Melissa Murphy
   Donna Prime
   Beth Stence
   Donna Wong-Gibbons
Iowa Falls, St. Matthew’s by the Bridge
   Ginger Hansen
Maquoketa, St. Mark’s Church
   David Eddy
Marshalltown, St. Paul’s Church
   David Bursley
Mason City, St. John’s Church  
   Jay Leaman  
   Rita Paxson  

Mount Pleasant, St. Michael’s Church  
   Cooky Schroeder

Muscadine, Trinity Church  
   Carol Allison  
   Lori Carroll

Newton, St. Stephen’s Church  
   Janice Carpenter  
   Christopher Templeton

Orange City, Church of the Savior  
   Mike Kugler

Oskaloosa, St. James’ Church  
   Kathi Petersen

Storm Lake, All Saints’ Church  
   Carolyn Chase

Waterloo, Trinity Church  
   Matt Aronson  
   Kathy Elick

Waverly, St. Andrew’s Church  
   Susan Cornforth

Webster City, Church of the Good Shepherd  
   Thomas “Tom” McLaughlin

West Des Moines, St. Timothy’s Church  
   Beth Arnold  
   Mike McGill  
   Jennifer “Jennie” McKinney  
   Vince Preston  
   Kevin Saunders  
   William “Bill” Smith  
   Annie Waskom

Youth Delegates  
   Marie Powell (Church of the Saviour, Clermont)  
   Alenah Rankin (St. Paul’s Church, Council Bluffs)  
   Alenah Rankin (St. Paul’s Church, Council Bluffs)

Chancellors  
   William “Bill” Graham, (Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Des Moines)  
   Linda Neuman, (St. Peter’s Church, Bettendorf)

Registrar  
   Julianne Allaway (Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Des Moines)

Treasurer  
   William “Bill” Smith (St. Timothy’s Church, West Des Moines)
Minutes of the 166th Annual Convention  
Episcopal Diocese of Iowa  
27-28 October, 2018

Plenary Session I

The 166th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Iowa was opened with prayer offered by Bishop Alan Scarfe, who then called the Convention to order at 9:05 a.m. He called on The Reverend Mary Jane Oakland for the first report from the Credentials Committee. She certified that, in accordance with Article VII, Section 1 of the Constitution a quorum was present for the Transaction of Business. On the motion of The Reverend Wendy Abrahamson, duly seconded and passed, the Roll Call was dispensed with and attendance taken from the registration. On the motion of the Very Reverend John Horn, duly seconded, the reading of the minutes was dispensed with, and the minutes were approved as found written in the Journal of 2017 Convention proceedings.

Bishop Scarfe then welcomed delegates, and commented on the year just finished, with its emphasis on Growing Iowa Leaders. He reminded us that in 2019 the focus will be shifting to Engaging All Disciples.

He then welcomed our special guests:

The Most Reverend Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church  
The Right Reverend Samuel Peni, Bishop of our Companion Diocese of Nzara  
The Right Reverend Andrew Swift, Bishop of our Companion Diocese of Brechin  
Mr. Buey Ray Tut and Mr. Mabior Acouth, representing Aqua Africa

The bishop also noted the presence of the Reverend Cathleen Bascom, a priest of the Diocese of Iowa, elected the previous week as Bishop of the Diocese of Kansas.

Bishop Scarfe then welcomed the youth who were present. There were those in child care, who would join us for meals; there were those present at the concurrent Youth Conference at the Cathedral. There were high school students present as visitors; and there were three official youth delegates. These were:

Maire Powell (Church of the Saviour, Clermont)  
Alenah Rankin (St. Paul’s Church, Council Bluffs)  
Ayanna Rankin (St. Paul’s Church Council Bluffs)

The Bishop dealt with housekeeping details regarding nametags, voting cards and use of microphones when addressing the Convention. He then called on the Reverend Jean McCarthy, chair of the Dispatch of Business Committee. On behalf of the Committee, she moved the following:

Be it resolved, that the agenda for this 166th Convention, as prepared by the Dispatch of Business Committee and the Secretary of Convention, be adopted; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Rules of Order, as approved by the 156th Convention of the Diocese of Iowa, be the Rules of Order for this 166th Convention.

The motion was seconded and approved.
The Bishop then called again on the Reverend Mary Jane Oakland for the seconded report from the Committee on Credentials. On behalf of the Committee, Oakland moved that Seat and Voice be granted to the following persons:

**Diocesan Staff:**
- Anne Wagner, Comptroller
- Lacey Howard, Youth Missioner

**Diocesan Coordinators & Chairs:**
- David Oakland, Commission on One World, One Church
- Marcia Powell, United Thank Offering

**AV Tech**
- Kevin Wolff

**Licensed Clergy:**
- Charles Bencken
- Robert “Bob” North
- Sinclair Ender

**Postulants In Attendance (not a delegate)**
- Nora Banister Conley Boerner (Trinity Church, Iowa City)
- Jennifer Briggs Latham (St. Paul’s Church, Grinnell)
- Elizabeth Walters Gillman (St. Andrew’s Church, Des Moines)
- Anne Marie Ames-Papouchis (St. John’s Church, Mason City)

**Candidates In Attendance (Not a Delegate)**
- Nicola Bowler (St. John’s by the Campus)

**MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT TEAM GRANTED POSTULANCY (not a delegate)**
- Judy Nixon (Trinity Church, Emmetsburg)

The motion was seconded and carried.

Bishop Scarfe then directed our attention to the AV Screens. Through ZOOM technology, we were greeted by Bishop Ellinah Wamokoya, bishop of our Companion Diocese of Swaziland. She assured us of her prayers for our work; and spoke of the love and gratitude of the people of Swaziland for our companion relationship.

At the bishop’s invitation, The Reverend Elaine Caldbeck, St. Peter’s Church, Bettendorf, moved that the Reports to Convention, including the Acts of the Bishop; reports by Diocesan Boards, Commissions, Committees, Officers and Coordinators, financial reports; and diocesan statistics; having been available for 30 days, be received as presented. The motion was seconded and carried.

Bishop Scarfe then opened nominations for Secretary of Convention. The Rev. Jean McCarthy nominated the Reverend Canon Kathleen Milligan, Trinity Church, Muscatine, as Secretary. There were no further nominations, she was duly elected. She then appointed the Rev. Lauren Lyon, Trinity Church Iowa City, as the Assistant Secretary.

The Bishop opened nominations for Treasurer of Convention. The Reverend Jean McCarthy nominated Mr. Bill Smith, St. Timothy’s in West Des Moines. There being no further nominations, Smith was duly elected.
Bishop Scarfe called for the confirmation of the following appointments for the coming year:

Mr. William “Bill” Graham (Cathedral Church of St. Paul) for Diocesan Chancellor

Mr. Dan Kaiser (St. Paul’s, Grinnell) as Diocesan Historian

Canon Julianne Allaway (Diocesan Staff) for Diocesan Register

All were approved on voice votes.

The Bishop then called for nominations for Diocesan Treasurer. The Reverend Jean McCarthy nominated Mr. William H. Smith. There being no further nominations, Smith was elected as treasurer.

Bishop Scarfe then called on The Reverend Raisin Horn (Christ Church, Clinton) for the report for the Nominations Committee. She presented the following nominations for the Standing Committee (one clergy, one lay).

Clergy:

Troy Beecham (Cathedral Church of St. Paul)
Kevin Emge (St. Paul’s Church, Grinnell)
Marcus Haack (Trinity Church, Iowa City)
Anne Williams (St. Mark’s, Anamosa)

Lay:

Karen Brooke (Trinity Cathedral, Davenport)
Phyllis Blood Melton (Cathedral Church of St. Paul)

There were no nominations from the floor. Bishop Scarfe closed the ballot for Standing Committee and called for nominations for the Episcopal Corporation of the Diocese of Iowa. Horn placed the following names into nomination.

Clergy: (One to be elected)

Troy Beecham (Cathedral Church of St. Paul)
Judith Crossett (Trinity, Iowa City)

Lay: (one for a 3-year term, and one to fill one year)

Alescha Caldwell (Christ Church, Clinton)
Steve Daniels (St. Luke’s Church, Cedar Falls)
Paula Sanchini (Christ Church, Cedar Rapids)

There were no nominations from the floor. Bishop Scarfe closed the slate for the Board. He then asked for nominations for Directors from the chapters. Horn named the following:

Diane Eddy (St. Mark’s Maquoketa) East Chapter
Jeff Cornforth (St. Andrew’s, Waverly) North Cedar Valley Chapter
Susie Messer (St. Michael’s, Mount Pleasant) Southeast Chapter
Dr. Marilyn van Duffelen (St. Paul’s Indian Mission, Sioux City) West Chapter.

These are nominated by their respective chapters. Bishop Scarfe called for the slate for the Disciplinary Board.
Horn presented the following slate. (Two clerics and two lay members, all for two-year terms)

Clergy:
   Jean McCarthy (Retired)
   Catherine Quehl-Engel (Trinity, Iowa City)

Lay:
   Katherine Saunders (St. Timothy’s Church, West Des Moines)
   Beth Stence (Trinity, Iowa City)

There were no further nominations and the bishop closed the slate for all offices.

He called on Kathleen Milligan, Secretary, and the Rev. Carl Mann, Christ Church Burlington to explain the voting process. They explained the Hare Ballot system, and the use of electronic voting for elections. The polls were declared open at the adjournment of the first session, continuing until 2:00 p.m.

Bishop Scarfe gave some reflection on the success of the Growing Iowa Leaders Days, and invited the Reverend Meg Wagner to lead us through a process of reflection on the year. She used a Mentimeter process, where people could respond to questions by using their electronic devices to enter their answers. There was instant feedback that showed up on the screens. It was interesting to watch; and it became apparent that several of the topics covered at the events during the year had generated a lot of interest and enthusiasm. This data would be used to develop next steps during the Engaging All Disciples program in 2019.

The bishop then introduced the Rt. Reverend Andrew Swift, who was consecrated as Bishop of Brechin in August. Bishop Swift brought greetings from the diocese, commented on the Mentimeter process, and remarked upon his experience in Iowa over the last few days. He would be the preacher for the Evensong service.

Our Treasurer, Bill Smith was introduced and gave a review of the financial outcomes for 2017. For our diocesan budget, our income was $9,295 less than budgeted. On the expense side, we underspent by $8,397. The budget was balanced by drawing $898 from the Working Capital Supplement. This withdrawal still leaves the Working Capital Supplement well within the required range of 20 – 25% of our 2018 Operating Budget. Our end of year financial position shows total assets of $17,076,636. Net assets are $10,419,232. There being no questions, Bishop Scarfe thanked Bill for his service.

With reminders about the voting procedures, Bishop Scarfe adjourned the first plenary session.

**Plenary Session II**

Bishop Scarfe convened the second plenary session at 11:07 a.m., opening with prayer. On the motion of the Very Reverend John Horn, duly seconded and approved, seat and voice were granted to members of the Presiding Bishop’s staff, who with him were present for this second session.

The session was given over to Bishop Scarfe’s State of the Church presentation, which is published separately. But during the time, his presentation was interspersed with presentations by others. Following the bishop’s remarks about General Convention 2018, we saw a video presentation about General Convention, consisting of interviews with each of the clergy and lay deputies, videotaped during the Convention itself.
The Bishop commented on the Breaking Bread initiative, now being offered as part of the Field Education process for one of our postulants, Lizzie Gillman.

He then called upon Bishop Epting and the Reverend Carl Mann to come forward and read the following Memorial Resolutions.

Bishop Epting presented the resolution for the Reverend Canon Arthur P. Becker.

WHEREAS the Reverend Canon Arthur P. Becker entered into Eternal Life on June 22, 2018; and

WHEREAS he served the Episcopal Church as a priest for 62 years, having been ordained in December of 1956; and

WHEREAS he became canonically resident in the Diocese of Iowa in 1961, serving as Rector of St. Michael’s Church in Mount Pleasant from 1961, also serving briefly as Priest-in-Charge at St. Peter’s in Fairfield; and

WHEREAS he served at Calvary Church in Sioux City from 1970 to 1974, serving first as Priest-in-Charge and then as the first Rector of the parish, also serving briefly as Priest-in-Charge at St. George’s Church in LeMars; and

WHEREAS he served the Episcopal Diocese of Iowa on Bishop’s Righter’s staff from 1974 to 1988; and

WHEREAS in that position he served as Christian Education Consultant, as Resource to the Episcopal Center of Camps and Conferences, and as Consultant to the Bishop with a broad portfolio for evangelism and adult formation; and

WHEREAS he served as Church Deployment Officer from 1984 – 1991; and

WHEREAS he finished his active ministry as Rector of St. John’s Church in Clinton from 1988 to 1994; and

WHEREAS during his ministry in Iowa he served in various capacities on committees and commissions of the diocese, as well as in various capacities in the broader church; and

WHEREAS he was known for his ironic sense of humor, his compassion and his broad intellectual and scholarly interests; and

WHEREAS after his retirement in 1994, he continued to serve in various supply positions in eastern Iowa, and after moving to Minnesota in 1999, continued to serve as a supply priest;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Episcopal Diocese of Iowa gives abundant thanks to God for the gifts and ministries of this faithful servant; and extends its sympathy and thanks to his wife Lois, and to their children, David, Michael and Susan, and to their families; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be affirmed by the Annual Convention for 2019.

Submitted by the Rev. Canon Kathleen Milligan

The motion was seconded and affirmed.

Bishop Epting then presented a resolution for the Reverend Charles Summers:
WHEREAS the Reverend Charles R. Summers was ordained a presbyter in the Episcopal Church and served parishes in the Dioceses of New Jersey and Massachusetts for many years; and

WHEREAS he served as rector of St. Paul’s, Marshalltown from 1988 to 1995, and as interim rector at Trinity Parish, Waterloo in 1996; and

WHEREAS he served the Diocese of Iowa as a member of its Commission on Liturgy and Music and its Commission on Education; and

WHEREAS he entered the Church Triumphant on February 8, 2018;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this 166th Convention of the Diocese of Iowa gives thanks to Almighty God for his faithful witness and for his service in this diocese; and that we extend our prayers and deepest sympathy to his daughter Andrea Taupier, his grandchildren, great grandchildren and friends for their loss.

Submitted by the Reverend Ruth Ratliff

The motion was seconded and affirmed.

The Reverend Carl Mann presented the resolution for the Reverend Donald Twentyman.

WHEREAS the Reverend Donald G. Twentyman Jr. served as a Deacon in God’s One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church for over 30 years, and blessed the Diocese of Iowa and St. Alban’s in Spirit Lake for 17 of those years after migrating south from the Diocese of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS he purposefully lived and exemplified his vocation as a kinship mentor and Board member, County Ministerial member and Treasurer, backup Hospital Chaplain, Bible Study leader, Advocate for Youth Literacy, Community volunteer, resident computer genius and all around Encyclopedic Resource; and

WHEREAS he dutifully participated in various Diocesan committees, forums, dialogues, small groups and retreats; and

WHEREAS he faithfully served his country in the United States Army; and

WHEREAS this devoted servant, husband, father, grandfather and friend entered the Church Expectant on 12 April, 2018, peacefully awaiting resurrection into the Church Triumphant;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Diocese of Iowa commends him joyfully into the nearer presence of our Lord, Jesus Christ; gives thanks for his life and witness among us; and extends our prayers and sympathy to his wife Mary, and to his family.

Submitted by the Reverend Carl Mann.

The resolution was seconded and affirmed.

Bishop Scarfe then presented the following resolution for the Reverend Warren Frelund.
WHEREAS Warren Fredrick Frelund, Deacon in the Church of God since his ordination in May, 1994, departed this life on February 13, 2018; and

WHEREAS he served for many years as Deacon at St. John’s, Mason City and most recently, at St. Matthew’s by the Bridge, Iowa Falls; and

WHEREAS he served the Diocese of Iowa as a member of the Diocesan Staff from 2003 – 2007, as a leader of the Academy for New Directions, as a leader of the Discernment Committee for the call of our 9th and current Bishop, and, at the time of his death, as leader of the Older Adult Ministry Team; and

WHEREAS, he served the wider Episcopal Church in the National Episcopal Health Ministries, and on the Task Force on Older Adult Issues; and

WHEREAS his passionate belief in the ministry OF ALL THE BAPTIZED called him to numerous dioceses throughout the country to facilitate Small Church workshops, and to the Diocese of Wyoming, where he served that diocese as Ministry Development Coordinator; and

WHEREAS throughout his diaconal ministry, wherever he went, Warren never forgot his roots in Northern Iowa, his enthusiasm for fishing and the Hawkeyes, nor his first call, which he shared with his wife Sue, to grow and arrange flowers and plants especially the thousands of poinsettias that he grew from seedlings;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors and Diocesan Council of the Episcopal Diocese of Iowa, does offer to God its heartfelt thanks for the life and ministry of Warren Frelund among us, and extends its love and condolences to his wife Sue, to his three children and to his six grandchildren.

Submitted by:  The Reverend Elliot H. Blackburn
Priest-in-Residence, St. Matthew’s by the Bridge, Iowa Falls

The resolution was seconded and affirmed.

Bishop Scarfe presented the following resolution for the Reverend Canon Alexander Anthony Aiton.

WHEREAS the Reverend Canon Alexander Anthony Aiton entered into eternal life on July 30, 2018; and

WHEREAS he was born and raised in New Jersey and received academic degrees from City University of New York, the General Theological Seminary and Drew University; and

WHEREAS he was ordained in the Diocese of New Jersey and served three different church families there before joining the staff of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS he came to the Diocese of Iowa in 1991 and served as Rector of the Episcopal Parish of Ames for the next 27 years until his retirement on December 31, 2017; and

WHEREAS he served as member and as chair of the Standing Committee, the Commission on Ministry, and the Stewardship Commission, and as a member of several other committees in the Diocese and in the community of Ames; and
WHEREAS while serving the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania he became an honorary canon of St. Stephen’s Cathedral in Harrisburg, PA and at its 164th Convention the Diocese of Iowa named him an honorary canon of Trinity Cathedral, Davenport; and

WHEREAS Father Al is missed by his parishioners, friends, and colleagues, and Punky is missed by his daughters, Becci, Grace and Joy, former wife Joan, and six grandchildren;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Diocese of Iowa gives thanks to God for his faithful witness and ministry among us, and prays God’s blessings for his continued growth in the love and presence of his God; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Diocese of Iowa extends its sympathy to his family.

Submitted by Mr. David Oakland
St. John’s by the Campus, Ames

The resolution was seconded and affirmed. Bishop Scarfe then led us in prayer for those departed, and for their families.

The bishop’s presentation continued with a report on the diocesan theme for 2018; Growing Iowa Leaders. During the year, 33 presenters, covering a wide variety of topics, came to Iowa to present workshops in cluster groups all over the state during 20 weekends. These topics were generated in small clusters of churches, based largely on the clusters for the 2017 Revival weekends. These presentations were all videotaped, and resulted in a library of resources, to be found on Iowa Shares.

The bishop alluded to staff changes, in particular the resignation of the Reverend Lydia Bucklin, and the pending resignation of the Reverend Steve Godfrey. Lydia went to a new ministry in the Diocese of Northern Michigan; and Steve has chosen to work toward a full-time ministry at St. Andrew’s in Des Moines. These staff changes resulted in some realigning in the budget for 2019.

Mr. Bill Smith, diocesan treasurer, was called upon to present the budget for 2019. He presented a balanced budget based on income of $1,163,850.00, and matching expenses. We anticipate income from Congregational pledges in the amount of $794,000. Income from Investments of $332,350; $30,000 from Gifts and Other Income, and $7,500 in donations. With regard to the interest income, we realized in the course of this year that our use of the ECCC funds to support our youth ministry was rapidly depleting the fund. We took a straight draw each year to cover the total program expense. This came close to an 8% draw. At this rate, we would exhaust the fund in about 12 years. We determined that we would need to begin to slow that percentage; so for 2018, we will draw only 6.5% and in 2019, be down to 5%. The Youth Ministry Development team worked with us to get its budget down to the amount needed for 2019. 2020 will be harder; and we anticipate the need to begin to fund our youth ministry to some extent from the regular budget. This year we also began to take a small draw from the Sustainability Group funds. This is a fund that is invested in Socially Responsible investments. The draw from this fund is at 2%.

Expenses show 49% for Mission and Ministry, including a full pledge to the larger Episcopal Church. Administrative and Operating Expenses are at 25%; The Episcopate is at 24%; and Diocesan House maintenance is at 2%. The budget includes a 3% salary increase for all positions, except for some negotiated during the year for new employees. It also shows an average 3.5% increase for health insurance costs.

There being no questions, Smith moved the adoption of the budget for 2019. The motion was seconded and passed.
Bishop Scarfe then turned to the 2019 year, with its emphasis on Engaging All Disciples. He summarized the various presentations made during 2018 and outlined a plan to create learning cohorts around several of the most popular. Using a program called Mentimeter, the delegates were asked to indicate their interest in the various topics. This program uses phones or other devices, and allows for immediate visual feedback. These responses will be collated for use in setting up learning cohorts; perhaps with two face to face meetings in the next year, and work with each other through ZOOM technology.

The bishop proceeded to introduce the GILEAD capital campaign, slated for the Easter Season in 2019. He encouraged all congregations to become collaborating congregations. He reminded us of the benefits already received through a generous donation that had allowed for the Growing Iowa Leaders presentations, and for the massive investment in technology and connectivity for the whole diocese.

He summarized other work going on within the diocese. So many of our churches have an attendance of under 25 on Sunday morning. Congregations are served in a variety of ways; non-stipendiary and part-time clergy fill many of the gaps; and there are new Ministry Development Teams in the training phase.

He reported on the ongoing work with these small churches, in terms of the diocesan personnel who attended a Small Church Summit in New Zealand. He highlighted the ongoing importance of our Companion relationships, especially with the presence of Bishop Samuel Peni and the newly consecrated bishop of Brechin, the Right Reverend Andrew Swift. He talked also, about the Young Adult meetings across the three-way companionship with Brechin and Swaziland. There have been two so far; one in Swaziland in 2014, and another in Brechin in 2016. It is hoped that groups of young adults from these two dioceses will be with us in Iowa in the next year or so.

He concluded by highlighting other ongoing work by so many; and called us to join us with him in singing “My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness.”.

Bishop Scarfe then called on the Reverend Lauren Lyon for a report from the Resolutions Committee. She reported that there were no resolutions.

With that, Bishop Scarfe concluded Plenary Session II and recessed us for lunch.

**Plenary Session III**

Bishop Scarfe opened the third Plenary Session with Prayer, remembering especially those killed in a mass shooting at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburg, PA.

He reported briefly on the **2017 Alleluia Fund Grants**, shown on the projected slide. These grants were:

- **Grace, Cedar Rapids**: Laundry Love $2,000.00
- **Old Brick, Iowa City**: Beloved Community $5,000.00
- **St. Andrews, Waverly**: Friends of Family
- **N.E. Iowa Shelter Service**: $2,500.00
- **St. Mark’s Des Moines**: Messy Church $200.00
- **Katherine Campbell**: Hazelnut Connection $1,500.00
- **Companion Dioceses**: $6,000.00

**UTO** continues to be generous regarding Iowa requests. In 2018, we applied for and received two grants. One was in the amount of $44,372.00 to build 6 additional classrooms for St. Timothy’s School in Nzara. The second was for $20,000 for the Beloved Community Initiative to provide a staff person for the program.
International Development Mini Grants are funded from the diocesan budget in an amount equal to .07% of our total 2018 budget, and awarded on the recommendation of our One World, One Church Commission. For 2028 these were granted as follow:

- Neighborhood Care Feeding Points (Swaziland) $5,000.00
- Leader’s Workshop for Mother’s Union (Nzara) $3,100.00
- Training School for Midwives (Nzara) $3,200.00
- Growing Healthy Food (Self-Help Int’l, Self-Help Ghana) $2,000.00
- Printing Children’s Bibles in Oromifa Language (Ethiopia) $2,835.00

Two anonymous gifts funded the first two initiatives. The $8,035 from the diocesan budget we divided among the others.

Bishop Scarfe then introduced Bishop Samuel Peni, along with Mr. Acouth Mabior and Mr. Buey Ray Tut from Aqua Africa, an organization focusing on clean water projects throughout the nations of Africa. During 2018, this organization has brought clean water in the form of a deep well and five stand pipes to the Cathedral Compound in Nzara. The Diocese of Iowa contributed to this project. They spoke briefly about their work.

The Reverend Martha Lang was then called to the podium for a special recognition and resolution. Nancy Cogan has exercised a profoundly important ministry as a visitor for Episcopal patients at the University Hospital Complex. Lang presented the following resolution.

**Courtesy Resolution**

**for Chaplain Nancy Adams- Cogan**

**Official Episcopal Visiting Chaplain For the Episcopal Diocese of Iowa**

**At the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics and Stead Family Children's Hospital**

WHEREAS, Chaplain Nancy Adams Cogan has served as the official Episcopal visiting chaplain providing a comforting presence, prayer, anointing and Prayer Book moments in the rooms of members of the Episcopal flock hospitalized at University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics, and Stead Family Children’s Hospital since 1990

WHEREAS Nancy has visited more people than even the saints can count and has faithfully provided over 14,000 hours of volunteer ministry to the people of the Episcopal Diocese of Iowa and nearby regions as they have experienced emergencies, procedures, disease, heartbreak, new life, death, miracles, joy and recovery within the patient rooms, the geriatric clinic and waiting areas of said institution and

WHEREAS she has arrived faithfully every Monday – Wednesday- and Friday for decades with her usual non-anxious presence and provided the assurances of the Christian faith to patients, families and staff through the reading of Scripture, provision of prayer, anointing with oil, and application of the wisdom of the ages to all, and

WHEREAS, Chaplain Cogan’s quiet gentle ways, poems, wisdom and provision of emotional and spiritual support have also been a deeply appreciated blessing for the staff of the Spiritual Services Dept. of UIHC and Stead Family Children’s Hospital,

BE IT RESOLVED, that this Convention offers her its sincere appreciation, affection, and grateful acknowledgement of her faithful ministry to and with God’s people of the Iowa Episcopal Branch of the Jesus Movement.
Submitted by the Rev. (Chaplain) Martha E. Lang, Priest in the Diocese of Iowa; Pediatric Chaplain Stead Family Children’s Hospital – Iowa City.

The resolution was seconded and affirmed. Bishop Scarfe invited Bishop Curry to join them at the podium and to pray for Nancy, with thanksgiving for her ministry.

Bishop Scarfe then introduced The Most Reverend Michael Bruce Curry, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, who had the opportunity to make an address to the Convention, and to enter into a question and answer period. This presentation was live-streamed.

Following the Presiding Bishop’s presentation, Bishop Scarfe closed Plenary Session Three, and recessed the Convention for Evensong at the Cathedral, where Bishop Swift from the Diocese of Brechin, would be preaching. The rest of the first day was given over to Evensong and to the Banquet that evening.

**Plenary Session IV**

The fourth plenary session was opened with prayer by Bishop Scarfe at 8:30 a.m. He then invited Lacey Howard to the podium to give her final report as Youth Missioner. She reported on the previous year’s activities, and thanked the Diocese for its ongoing commitment to the youth. At the conclusion of her report, Bishop Scarfe presented a resolution of thanksgiving for her ministry, as follows.

WHEREAS, Lacey Howard has served as Missioner for Children and Youth for the Diocese of Iowa since January, 2014, leading th Youth Ministry Development Team in the organization of all youth events including Summer Camp, New Beginnings, Happening and much more, and

WHEREAS, Lacey’s energy and passion for the youth of this diocese have been a blessing, and

WHEREAS, she has been instrumental in growing leaders in our youth and adults through these programs,

BE IT RESOLVED, that this Convention offers her its appreciation, affection, and gratitude for her faith and ministry.

Submitted by Dale Schirmer, YMDT Member, Grace Church, Cedar Rapids

Next, Bishop Scarfe called on the Reverend Steve Godfrey for his report on the work with Small Churches. At the conclusion of his report, Bishop Scarfe reported on Steve’s plans for the future; taking on more hours at St. Andrew’s in Des Moines, and leaving his diocesan work. He presented a resolution honoring the lasting work in helping congregations with ministry development and leadership searches and transitions.

WHEREAS, Steve Godfrey came to us from our neighboring diocese of Chicago, and highly recommended by an esteemed bishop in the Church; and

WHEREAS he entered fully (even on a part-time basis) as a member of the Diocesan Staff (aka DMDT – or Diocesan Ministry Development Team), serving as Missioner for Congregational Development and Transitions; and

WHEREAS, he will continue to take his share in the councils of the Church in the Diocese of Iowa as he devotes himself (at least ¾ time) to serving as rector with the team of ministers at St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church in Des Moines;
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we wish him many partners in ministry among the baptized at St. Andrew’s, and
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that we give thanks go God for his service and continued witness to the Gospel in this place.

The resolution was seconded and carried.

Bishop Scarfe next called on the Reverends Kathleen Milligan and Elizabeth Popplewell, and on Lizzie Gilman and Roberta White, for a report on the Evangelism Matters Gathering in Cleveland Ohio in March. These four, along with several members of St. Luke’s, Cedar Falls, attended the conference. Iowans had been asked to present a workshop on our experiences with Revival in 2017. They ended up presenting an “Instructed Revival”.

Bishop Scarfe then called on Ellen Bruckner to lead a discussion time leading us into this next year of Engaging All Disciples. She asked us to reflect on two questions:

1) How will you commit to being engaged in ministry in your congregation this year?
2) Where do you find the courage and confidence to engage in this ministry?

We used the Mentimeter to record the responses. The results from the first question formed a grid; and responses to the second flowed into a Word Cloud.

It was time to announce results of our Elections. Bishop Scarfe announced that the following had been elected.

**Standing Committee:**
- Lay – Karen Brooke, Trinity Cathedral, Davenport
- Clergy: Anne Williams, St. Mark’s Anamosa

**Board of Directors: At-Large**
- Lay: Alescha Caldwell, Christ Church, Clinton
- Paula Sanchini (1 year completion of term – Christ Church, Cedar Rapids)
- Clergy: Judith Crossett, Trinity Church, Iowa City

**Board of Directors: Chapter Representatives**
- Lay: Jeff Cornforth (North Cedar Valley)
- Suzanne Messer (Southeast Chapter)
- Clergy: Diane Eddy (East Chapter)
- Marilyn Van Duffelen (West Chapter)

**Disciplinary Board:**
- Lay: Beth Stence
- Katherine “Kay-Kay” Saunders
- Clergy: Catherine Quehl Engel
- Jean McCarthy

Bishop Scarfe then announced his appointments.

**Diocesan Pension Fund Treasurer**
- Ms. Anne Wagner, Diocese of Iowa
Editor, Iowa Connections:  
The Rev. Margaret (Meg) Wagner, Diocese of Iowa

Summer Ministries School co-directors:  
The Rev. Ruth Ratliff, St. Luke’s Church, Cedar Falls
The Rev. Jeannie Smith, St. Timothy’s Church, West Des Moines

Companion Dioceses Coordinators:  
**Diocese of Brechin**  
Mr. Jim Conger, New Song, Coralville

**Diocese of Swaziland:**  
The Rev. Stacey Gerhard, Calvary, Sioux City, All Saints’, Storm Lake

**Diocese of Nzara**  
Mr. Ray Gaebler, St. Timothy’s Church, West Des Moines

Global Missioner (Including oversight of Global Goals)  
The Rev. Canon Suzanne Peterson, Des Moines

Ecumenical Officer  
The Reverend Jean McCarthy, Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Des Moines

Altar Guild Co-Directresses  
Ms. Marth Hippee, Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Des Moines *

Disaster Relief Coordinator  
The Reverend Holly Scherff, St. John’s Church, Shenandoah*

Episcopal Relief & Development Representative  
The Reverend Holly Scherff, St. John’s Church, Shenandoah*

United Thank Offering Coordinator  
The Reverend Richard Graves, St. Paul’s Church, Marshalltown

*We are open to hearing from those interested in co-coordinating:
  *Disaster Relief, Episcopal Relief & Development*

Commission on Ministry:  

**2021 (new)**  
The Reverend Stephen Benitz  St. John’s Church, Mason City  
Mr. Joe Ellerbroek  St. Timothy’s Church, West Des Moines  
Ms. Spivey Knapik  Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Des Moines  
Ms. Deb Leksell  Church of the Good Shepherd, Webster City
**Reappointments**
The Rev. Judith Crossett  
Trinity Church, Iowa City

The Rev. Canon Kathleen Milligan  
Trinity Church, Muscatine

2020
Ms. Julianne Crosmer  
Trinity Church, Iowa City

The Rev. Mel Schlachter  
Iowa City

Mr. Keith Hoffman  
Trinity Cathedral, Davenport

The Rev. Bonnie Wilkerson  
St. Luke’s Church, Fort Madison

Mr. Kevin Sanders  
St. Luke’s Church, Cedar Falls

The Rev. Anne Williams (Chair)  
St. Mark’s Church, Anamosa

2019
The Rev. Vincent Bete  
St. Anne’s by the Field Church, Ankeny

The Rev. Stacey Gerhart  
Calvary Church, Sioux City

The Hon. Greg Jones  
Standing Committee

Mr. Mike Kugler  
Church of the Savior, Orange City

The Rev. Jennifer Masada  
New Song Church, Coralville

Mr. David Moore  
St. John’s by the Campus, Ames

**Professional Development Leave Committee**

**Reappointed for terms expiring 2021**
Dr. Sigmund (Sig) Barber  
St. Paul’s Church, Grinnell

The Rev. Canon Kathleen Milligan  
Trinity Church, Muscatine

**Term Expiring 2020**
Mr. Kevin Sanders  
St. Luke’s Church, Cedar Falls

**Terms Expiring 2019**
The Rev. Carl Mann  
Christ Church, Burlington

Mr. David Smith  
Grace Church, Decorah

**Diocesan Representative to Iowa Religious Media Services Board**
The Rev. Jeannie Smith  
St. Timothy’s Church, Des Moines

**Diocesan Representative to the Province VI Council**
Ms. Shelby Benitz  
St. John’s Church, Mason City

Bishop Scarfe then thanked those whose terms were ending, for their willingness to take their share in the councils of the Church.

**Board of Directors:** At large: Kent Anderson (VP, Dubuque) Tyler Schleicher (Ankeny) and Amy Mellies (Ames)

Chapter Representatives: Alescha Caldwell (East), Tracey Henry (West), and Ruth Ratliff (North Cedar Valley) and Kelly Shields (Southeast)

**Commission on Ministry:** Cathi Bencken, Jenna Cornick, Kristina Kofoot and Andrew Peterson.
Standing Committee: Wendy Abrahamson, and Maggie Tinsman

He then called on The Reverend Lauren Lyon to present the Courtesy Resolutions. She presented the following:

The Right Reverend Neville Chamberlain
Memorial Resolution

WHEREAS the Right Reverend Neville Chamberlain, Bishop of Brechin died on Monday, 8th October 2018, after some time of illness; and

WHEREAS Bishop Neville was elected Bishop of Brechin in 1997, when he was serving as the Rector of St. John’s, Princes Street Edinburgh; and

WHEREAS he studied in the 1950s for a BA at Nottingham University, then trained for the ministry at Ripon Hall, Oxford, and

WHEREAS he served three periods of curacy in the Diocese of Birmingham, England, the third being in the ecumenical context of St. Michael’s Gospel Lane; and

WHEREAS he spent time in Maryland in 1967, becoming involved in the Civil Rights Movement and

WHEREAS by mutual agreement with the church he then spent three years out of parochial ministry, working as a probation officer, then serving as Executive Secretary of the Social Responsibility Committee of the Diocese of Lincoln and also became a canon of the Cathedral; and

WHEREAS in 1982 he was appointed the Rector of St. John’s, Princes Street, in the Scottish Episcopal Church in Edinburgh, where he served for 15 years; and

WHEREAS this ministry was a rich and full time, with occasional controversy with, for example the temporary murals painted outside the church attacking political dogma of the Thatcher administration; and

WHEREAS his ministry as Bishop was overshadowed by an extended and very public period of conflict between him and his Provost, the Very Reverend Miriam Byrne; and

WHEREAS this was a hard time for Bishop Neville, the cathedral congregation, and all in the Diocese, and the need for reconciliation of the conflict by Archbishop Desmond Tutu shows quite how severe the breakdown in relationship became; and

WHEREAS his time in Brechin is remembered for his positive energy and enthusiasm for the Diocese and its people and for the companionship links with Iowa and Swaziland; and

WHEREAS he continued to have a focus on social justice and ensured that the Scottish Episcopal Church in Dundee carried on its work in Urban Priority Areas as his theology was one that had to have a practical outworking in the wider world; and

WHEREAS he developed Diocesan training in Faith and Mission, appointing a Diocesan Adviser in Ministry and starting regular clergy training and support meetings which continue to this day; and
WHEREAS Bishop Neville retired in 2005 after his sixty-fifth birthday and retired initially to Edinburgh, in due course becoming the Master of Hugh Sexey’s Hospital in Bruton, Dorset; and

WHEREAS Bishop Neville was married in 1964 to Diane, who died some years ago, and they had four children;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Diocese of Iowa gives thanks for all of Bishop Neville’s ministry, witness and companionship and commends him with his late wife Diane to the care of their loving God.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Diocese of Iowa should send prayers and sympathy for his children and for all those who mourn him. May he rest in peace and rise in Glory.

Ms. Marcia Powell,
Church of the Saviour, Clermont

WHEREAS Marcia Powell assumed the role of Diocesan Coordinator for the United Thank offering in 2013, and

WHEREAS, she has worked diligently to keep the United Thank Offering before all congregations within the Diocese of Iowa, and

WHEREAS, she has encouraged all delegates and visitors to Diocesan Convention to support the work of the United Thank Offering, and

WHEREAS, she has involved her family in many of those activities, and

WHEREAS, Marcia has been instrumental in helping to draft and review applications for UTO grants from the Diocese of Iowa, and

WHEREAS many of those applications have been successfully shepherded through the granting Procedures, proving funding for said projects, including 2018 grants of over $65,000: Dismantling Racism through love in action. Creating justice with dignity and respect: $20,800 for this Beloved Community Initiative operating out of Old Brick in Iowa City; and Beyond the Mango Trees $44,372 for our Companion Diocese of Nzara in South Sudan to build school classrooms so that 450 students can attend school even on days when it rains. And

WHEREAS, similar grants have assisted several Iowa congregations and have now provided at least two grants each for the Diocese of Swaziland and the Diocese of Nzara during Marcia’s tenure; therefore, let it be

RESOLVED that this 166th Diocesan Convention celebrate Marcia’s ministry among us and wish her Godspeed as she brings this chapter to a close; and be it further

RESOLVED, THAT WE AS A Diocese continue to place our Thanksgivings into those little blue boxes to Continue our thanksgiving for Marcia’s work and that of the United Thank Offering.

Mr. Jerry Davenport
Christ Church, Cedar Rapids

WHEREAS, Jerry Davenport has served this diocese faithfully as an Episcopal Relief & Development Disaster Relief Coordinator since 2015; and

WHEREAS, during that time he and his co-coordinator, the Rev. Holly Scherff, have planned, organized, coordinated with local organizations and churches, recruited volunteers, and served on three diocesan disaster relief and recovery teams that traveled to Louisiana, Missouri, and Texas; and,

WHEREAS, on each of these trips he oversaw not only re-construction work, but also taught new skills to volunteers, and built an ongoing relationship with the homeowners the team was serving; and

WHEREAS, he also attended to the team’s well-being, arranging for time for rest, prayer, fun activities, plenty of laughter, and other service opportunities along the way;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 166th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Iowa offers sincere thanks to Jerry for his years of service and leadership.

The Rev. Cathi Head Bencken

WHEREAS, The Rev. Cathi Bencken, was born in Harlan, Iowa, and spent many happy years growing up in Iowa and raising her family in this fine state; and

WHEREAS, Cathi served compassionately as a Registered Nurse for many years after earning her BSN at the University of Iowa College of Nursing in 1973; and

WHEREAS, later in life she faithfully followed a call to ordained ministry, completing her theological studies and earning an M. Div. at Bexley Hall, after which time she was ordained deacon in April 2007 and priest in December 2007 by The Rt. Rev. Michael Garrison; and

WHEREAS in 2008 she returned to her home state of Iowa to accept the call as Rector of Trinity Church, Muscatine, where she served faithfully for 10 years as a proclaimer of God’s love and healing; where she worked fervently for justice and relief for people on the margins, partnering with the good folk of Trinity to become a Jubilee Ministry site, and where her pastoral and joyful presence will be cherished for years to come; and

WHEREAS, in 2009 she married The Rev. Charles Bencken, a devout and good-humored soul, with whom she shares innumerable joys and good times together and with their children and grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Cathi served the Diocese as a member of the Commission on Ministry, a member of the liturgical planning team for Diocesan Convention, and as a chaplain at EPIC, our diocesan youth summer camp where her creativity in worship and formation was always met with great delight; and

WHEREAS, Cathi retired from fulltime ministry in June of this year, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Diocese of Iowa acknowledges Cathi’s service, gives thanks for her many contributions to the Diocese, and praises God for the impacting work of the Holy Spirit throughout her ministry.

The Honorable Linda K Newman
Chancellor of the Diocese of Iowa
WHEREAS, The Honorable Linda K. Neuman has served as Diocesan Vice-Chancellor since 2004; then as co-Chancellor following her successful career as a trial judge and the first woman appointed to the Iowa Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS Justice Neuman’s unrelenting positive energy, Joyful presence and wisdom have blessed all who have had the future to be in her company; and

WHEREAS, she is now retiring from this position as she and Henry move to their new home in Colorado;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this 166th Annual Convention offers her its profound gratitude, appreciation, and heartfelt affection for her loving and faithful ministry.

Submitted by The Reverends Elaine Caldbeck and Raisin Horn

The Reverend Lydia Bucklin

BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board of Directors recognizes with deep appreciation the work and contributions of Lydia Bucklin to the Diocese of Iowa; first as Missioner for Children and youth, as Young Adult Missioner, as Missioner for Leadership Development and New Initiatives; and most recently with her invaluable Growing Iowa Leaders process facilitation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that as she and her family prepare to move to Northern Michigan,

We pray God’s immense blessing in her days ahead in service to God in the Diocese of Northern Michigan and in the wider church.

(Adapted from Bishop’s Report to the Board of Directors and adopted by them in April 2018)

Convention Volunteers

WHEREAS, the annual convention of the Diocese of Iowa is a high point in the year, offering the opportunity to rekindle faith, affirm friendship and gain new inspiration for the work of God’s people; and,

WHEREAS, planning and realization of a diocesan convention is a challenge that requires cooperation, good will and the work of many hands, hearts and minds; and,

WHEREAS, the majority of those hands, hearts, and minds belong to volunteers who give their time and energy willingly and generously to a vast range of tasks, all of which are essential to a successful convention; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 166th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Iowa offers sincere thanks to all of the many volunteers who have made this gathering possible and congratulates them on the success of their efforts.

Convention Musicians

Whereas, music is an integral element of a diocesan convention, enlivening our worship, reminding us of the purpose of our work and interspersing moments of enjoyment into our labor, and

Whereas, planning music in a variety of locations and environments and appealing to many and varied interests and preferences is a challenging task, requiring skill, judgment, good will and cooperation as well as creativity and artistry, and
Whereas, all of the musicians who have offered their gifts to this convention have done so with devotion and with excellent results, be it

Resolved, that the 166th Convention of the Diocese of Iowa offer profound thanks for the work of all the musicians who have served this convention.

Staff of the Diocese of Iowa

WHEREAS, the annual convention of a diocese is a high point in the year at which ministry is envisioned, planned, evaluated and celebrated and the bonds of friendship between Christ’s disciples across the diocese are forged and renewed, and WHEREAS, preparations for the diocesan convention encompass the entire year and build to an intense crescendo in the final weeks before the gathering and,
WHEREAS, the staff of the Diocese of Iowa navigates the year of planning and bears the stress of the final weeks of preparation with laser focus, unruffled aplomb and unfailing forbearance, and
WHEREAS, this year they have outdone themselves in preparing not only for diocesan convention but one honored by the visits of two companion bishops and the Presiding Bishop, be it RESOLVED that the 166th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Iowa extend to the diocesan staff heartfelt congratulations for an extraordinary effort and success and offer sincere thanks for their work throughout the year.

The Cathedral Church of St. Paul

WHEREASs, The Episcopal Church is part of a worldwide tradition anchored by its Cathedrals, and
WHEREAS, The Cathedral Church of St. Paul observes this year the 25th anniversary of its ministry as a cathedral, and whereas

It exemplifies abundantly the place of the cathedral in the world, as a gathering space for worship and learning, a place of refreshment and care for those in need and a focal point in the built environment of Des Moines, and

WHEREAS, it has opened its doors in a spirit of generous hospitality to the 2018 diocesan convention for a series of events that have inspired our worship and strengthened the bonds of friendship between us, be it
RESOLVED that the 166th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Iowa offer heartfelt thanks to Wardens, Chapter, Musicians, People and Clergy of the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, and be it further
RESOLVED that the Convention offer its sincere congratulations to St. Paul’s on the 25th anniversary of its ministry in the name of Christ as a cathedral and offer prayers for its continued service to the diocese and the world.

The Rev. Cn. Cathleen Bascom
Bishop-Elect, Diocese of Kansas

WHEREAS, for more than fifteen years, The Reverend Canon Cathleen Chittenden Bascom has ministered in the Diocese of Iowa as a pastor, teacher and esteemed colleague, and,
WHEREAS she served the congregations of St. Stephen’s Newton, The Cathedral Church of St. Paul and Trinity Emmetsburg with wisdom and kindness, and,
WHEREAS, she has been an inspirational voice in the church’s ministry of creation stewardship both in our diocese and in the General Convention of the Episcopal Church, and
WHEREAS, God now calls her to a new ministry as Bishop of the Diocese of Kansas, be it resolved that the 166th Convention of the Diocese of Iowa give thanks for her ministry among us, bid her Godspeed and pray for her and the people of the Diocese of Kansas as she begins the next chapter in her vocational journey.

The Right Reverend C. Christopher Epting
VIII Bishop of Iowa

WHEREAS the Right Reverend Christopher Epting was consecrated the 8th Bishop of Iowa on 27 September, 1988, and served the people of Iowa for thirteen years; and

WHEREAS during his time as Bishop of Iowa he was instrumental in developing a foundation for a culture that emphasized that ministry was the work of all the baptized people of God, which he also sought to undergird through the cultivation of orderly spiritual practices for all, and thus built a legacy for future development of Ministry of All the Baptized; and

WHEREAS Bishop Epting worked on the transformation of society in Iowa by laboring tirelessly to protect the abolition of the death penalty in Iowa among other endeavors, and fostered ecumenical and interfaith relations among his peers and colleagues, culminating in being the chief Episcopal drafter of Called to Common Mission; and

WHEREAS his ecumenical work caught the eye of the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, the Most Reverend Frank Griswold, and he became Ecumenical Officer for the Episcopal Church in 2001, resigning his position in Iowa; and

WHEREAS he returned to Iowa with his wife, The Reverend Susanne Watson-Epting, after his retirement in 2009, and made himself available to serve as Interim Dean at Trinity Cathedral in Davenport, and as assistant Bishop of Chicago; and

WHEREAS he resides among us as a wise counselor, a prophetic voice for our time through his powerful blog, a generous episcopal colleague; and can be found at events such as Poor Peoples’ Rallies as a protector and in gatherings of people who seek God’s new thing for the Church which he so loves with gladness and singleness of heart; and

WHEREAS, in honor of our Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Bishop Epting has come to the 166th Convention of the Diocese of Iowa and led us in Evensong.

BE IT RESOLVED that the 9th Bishop of Iowa and the people of the Diocese gathered at the 166th Convention give thanks and express our joy for the presence of Bishop Epting among us, and for the firm foundation he has laid for the ongoing development of the Iowa branch of the Jesus Movement of the Episcopal Church.

The Right Reverend Andrew Swift
Bishop of Brechin

WHEREAS, the Dioceses of Iowa and Brechin have enjoyed more than 35 years as companion dioceses, and WHEREAS, this relationship has offered opportunities for sharing hospitality, working together in mission, praying and worshipping together and standing side by side to bring about the Kingdom of God in time and space, and WHEREAS, the Diocese of Brechin entered a new chapter in its 868 year history on August 25 of this year with the consecration of its 51st bishop,

BE IT RESOLVED that the 166th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Iowa extends a cordial welcome to The Right Reverend Andrew Swift and gives thanks for his presence among us, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Diocese of Iowa offers prayers for his future leadership and looks forward to many more years of spiritual companionship with the Diocese of Bre chin.
The Rt. Rev. Samuel Peni  
Bishop of Nzara

WHEREAS, for nearly a decade the dioceses of Iowa and Swaziland have enjoyed a companion relationship, and

WHEREAS, that relationship has offered many opportunities for shared mission, hospitality, prayer and worship, and

WHEREAS Bishop Samuel Peni has shown extraordinary courage and devotion as an apostle, preacher and pastor, and

WHEREAS, his presence among us bring joy, inspiration and appreciation for his steadfast faith and bold leadership in the face of danger and hardship, be it

RESOLVED that the 166th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Iowa give thanks for the ministry of The Right Reverend Samel Peni and for his time with us and offers prayers for him and the people of his diocese and be it further

RESOLVED that the Diocese of Iowa looks forward to many more years of spiritual companionship with Bishop Peni and the people of the Diocese of Nzara.

The Most Reverend Michael B. Curry  
Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church

WHEREAS, all times and all places have had their rock stars, whether or not they called them by that name; and,

WHEREAS, a number of the rock stars in our age have served the parish churches and great cathedrals of the Anglican Communion as choristers, only one has been invited to preach in St. George’s Chapel at Windsor Castle; and

WHEREAS, the rock stars of our age have told us who wrote the Book of Love, that All You Need is Love, of Pride in the Name of Love, and a Crazy Little Thing Called Love, one in particular has reminded us that to Walk in Love is God’s call to the Jesus Movement; and,

WHEREAS, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry serves the church in our time and in more places than you can count as apostle, prophet, pastor, teacher, Chief Evangelistic Officer and the hardest working man in the discipleship business.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 166th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Iowa gives thanks for the many gifts he shares so generously with the Church and the world and for his presence among us and offers prayers for his ongoing leadership of the Episcopal Branch of the Jesus Movement.

On the motion of The Reverend Lauren Lyon, for the Resolutions Committee, duly seconded, these Memorial and Courtesy Resolutions were adopted on a voice vote.
The Reverend Wendy Abrahamson moved to order the publishing of the Minutes of this 166th Convention, along with the diocesan Constitution and Canons. The motion was seconded and passed.
Bishop Scarfe called on the Reverend Jean McCarthy, who certified for the Dispatch of Business Committee, that the business of the 166th Convention of the Diocese of Iowa had been completed.
Following closing announcements and invitation to the sending worship service with Presiding Bishop Curry, Bishop Scarfe declared the convention adjourned at 10:20 a.m.
Respectfully Submitted:

The Reverend Canon Kathleen S. Milligan
Secretary, Convention of the Diocese of Iowa

Attest:

The Rt. Reverend Alan Scarfe
IX Bishop of Iowa

Necrology List November 2017 - October 2018

Albia, Grace Church
  John Palmer

Algona, St Thomas’ Church
  Allison Anderson

Ames, St. John’s by the Campus
  The Rev. Canon Alexander Aiton

  Donald Anderson
  John Dunlap
  Marcia Even
  Joseph Gibbs
  George Junkhan
  Lois Larsen
Margie Robertson
Ruth Swenson
Anamosa, St. Mark’s Church
Robert Richey
Dr. Arthur R. Williams

Ankeny, St. Anne’s by the Fields
Virginia Jones

Bettendorf, St. Peter’s Church
Jessie May Anderson
Robin Paul Andrews
Dianna Butler
Frances J. Carson

Boone, Grace Church
Charlotte Day Matheus

Cedar Falls, St. Luke’s
Beverly Jane Fread
errol Edward Jacobsen
Patricia J. Muchmore
Cheryl S. Timion

Cedar Rapids, Christ Church
Joyce “Jodie” Ferguson
John Gutz
John Moeller
Marilyn Morse
Melvin Daniel “Dan” Rockwell
Jerry Siese
Sally Zook

Chariton, St. Andrew’s Church
Julie Dawson

Clinton, Christ Church
Miriam Healless
Jacqueline Callahan Leedham
Evelyn Walbridge

Council Bluffs, St. Paul’s Church
Anna May Wegner
Peter J. Peters
Betty Davis

Davenport, St. Alban’s Church
Jack Chapman
Polly Haise

Davenport, Trinity Cathedral
Marigene Finch
Samuel Syverud
Dianna Goslowsky

Des Moines, Cathedral Church of St. Paul
Mary Carey Chamberlain
Margaret “Peg” Courter
Linda E. Miller
Cynthia Ellen Morton
Craig Wilson Sandahl
Barbara Annette Burton Stevens

Des Moines, St. Andrew’s Church
Nyandeng Chagai Atem
Laura Jo Danielson
William Joseph Knapp
Melvin D. Lightner
Rebecca Y. Lueth
Marjorie Lyndall Weider

Des Moines, St. Luke’s Church
Leone O. Davidson
Kerry Steven Deaton
Helene Gilman
Marion Billett Johnson
Olga Pavlova-Sansenbach
Virginia Ryner Still
Emogene “Genie” Wilson

Des Moines, St. Mark’s Church
Mary Snook

Dubuque, St. John’s Church
Mel Hammerand
David Weidenbacher

Fort Dodge, St. Mark’s Church
Walter Thomas Barnes
Charlotte Ann Ely

Glenwood, St. John’s Church
Helen Glynn

Grinnell, St. Paul’s Church
Augusta Hanson

Independence, St. James’ Church
Louis A. Luckel

Indianola, All Saints Church
Phil Thompson

Iowa City, Trinity Church
Jack W. Dickey

Iowa Falls, St. Matthew’s by the Bridge
Susan (Sue) Foster Bennett Crotty
The Rev. Warren F. Frelund

Keokuk, St. John’s Church
Barbara Jean "Suzy" Laboon
Timothy G. Talbot
William "Bill" Logan

Marshalltown, St. Paul’s Church
Marjorie Cook
Bishop’s Sermon and Address to Convention

Winter 2018 Iowa Connections

Mary Wholey Harvey
Mt. Pleasant, St. Michael’s Church
  John N. Ong
  June Sheets
Newton, St. Stephen’s Church
  John Mellinger
Oskaloosa, St. James’ Church
  Janet R. Jenkins
Ottumwa, Trinity Church
  Ruth Seim (organist)
Perry, St. Martin’s Church
  Judy Short
Sioux City, St. Paul’s Indian Mission
  Carol A Buffalochief (Harlan)
  Roland “Jim” Cassens Jr.
  John Harold Henry
  Harriet W. Jackson Smith
  Eileen Marie Tweedy
Sioux City, St. Thomas’ Church
  Nina Anderson
  Konnie Post
  Joann Renfro
  Betty Spindler
  Wally Youds
Spirit Lake, St. Alban’s Church
  Debbie Jenkins
Storm Lake, All Saints’ Church
  Brent Peterson
Waterloo, Trinity Church
  Terry Doughty
  Ann Enderlein
  Dottie Nicholas

Webster City, Church of the Good Shepherd
  Eugene O. Gray
West Des Moines, St. Timothy’s Church
  Don Bruntlett
  Mary Berry
  William Greenwood
  Josephine Lorenz
  Lyle McKinney
  Richard Shirbroun
  Phyllis Staplin